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Also attached is a copy of the International Search Report dated March 9, 2000 from the corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/05931. All of the documents listed in Form PTO-1449 appear in the Search Report.

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